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REMARKS:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action dated May 17, 2006. Claims 1-10 remain in the application, of which Claims 1 and 10 are the independent claims currently under consideration in the application. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thoughtful courtesies extended during the telephonic communications held on May 22, 2006. In the communications, the Examiner indicated that if a supplemental affidavit in the form of the attached Supplemental Affidavit is filed, the case will be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith the Supplemental Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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